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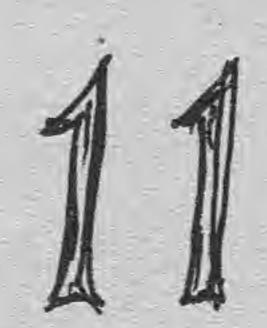
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Editor's Notes

Yes, this issue is smaller than usual, but it is out of necessity in order to get an issue out! We are already working on issue #108, and it will contain some of the regular columns we've omitted recently.

A belated wish for a happy new year to all Graphic readers!

--M.F.B.



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A Moment From the Past Recovers Its Sound



Library of Congress

From the Sunday, October 8, 2000 New York Times, and furnished by Mike Karoub.

By GODFREY CHESHIRE

STYLISHLY dressed man with a mustache plays a violin into a phonograph horn. Two other men waltz arm in arm beside him. Then a man wearing a visor ducks into the frame, as if to adjust a piece of equipment.

Dating from the mid-1890's, the film clip runs only 17 seconds, and for a century it has been as mute any other relic of early cinema. But now, through an effort that bridges the eras and technologies of Thomas Edison and George Lucas, this snippet of antique film has gained not only its original sound track but a unique place in cinema history: it is the oldest piece of sound film known to exist, and perhaps the only example that survives from the 19th century.

The reunification of the film's sound and image recalls a drama of lovers or siblings reunited after a long and torturous ordeal. The image portion, which historians call "Dickson Experimental Sound Film," has been known for decades. Until recently, however, its sound track resided on a broken wax cylinder stored at the Edison National Historic Site, Thomas Edison's former laboratory in West Orange, N.J. Combining the two involved not only the Library of Congress, which owns the image, and the Edison historic site, which has the rights to the sound, but also the film editor Walter Murch, who succeeded in synchronizing the elements this May, and Mr. Lucas, whose Skywalker Sound has donated the money for the restoration. (The synchronized version of "Dickson Experimental Sound Film" will have its public debut this month at the Giornati del Cinema Muto, a festival of silent film in Sacile, Italy.)

According to Rick Schmidlin, who produced the restoration, the project corrects the impression that synchronous sound was a late addition to cinema. "This teaches that sound and film started together in the begin-

ning," he said.

The restoration is a drama not only of technology but of personalities too. The man playing the violin in the film is its director, William Kennedy Laurie Dickson, the colorful Edison scientist who has been called the most important person in the creation of motion pictures. Born in France to Scottish parents in 1860, Dickson as a teenager wrote to Edison seeking work. Sent a curt rejection, he came anyway and in 1883 talked his way into the inventor's employ.

Like other Edison scientists, Dickson was assigned to work on several projects at once, but he had a special aptitude for photography and became Edison's photographer in 1884. The recording of sound, however, rather than the invention of the still camera, was the great impetus to the development of motion pictures.

The phonograph, the Dickson expert Paul Spehr recalled, "was introduced in 1878-79, and it was an absolute sensation because nobody expected it. Light bulbs, even motion pictures, airplanes and all these things—everyone expected them. But a machine that reproduced the human voice was abso-

lutely unanticipated. It more than anything made Edison 'the Wizard,' and it was his favorite device."

It has been said that what Edison envisioned for motion pictures presaged the music video. In 1887, as he later wrote, it occurred to him "that it was possible to devise an instrument which should do for the eye what the phonograph does for the ear, and that by a combination of the two all motion and sound could be recorded and reproduced simultaneously."

Handed the task of making that vision a reality, W. K. L. Dickson worked and experimented from the late 1880's on, eventually hitting on the ideas of using strips of flexible celluloid to hold the image, of transporting the film vertically through the camera by means of sprockets, and even of manufacturing film stock at a width of 35 millimeters, a standard that endures today. He also built the world's first movie studio, Edison's "Black Maria," where he set about using and refining his inventions.

"There's absolutely no doubt that he's the first director in the history of film," said Patrick Loughney, the head of the moving image section of the Library of Congress. "He's also the first film theorist." Indeed, in early 1895, Dickson (with his sister Antonia) published the first book about cinema, "History of Kinetograph, Kinetoscope and Kineto-Phonograph." (It was recently reprinted in facsimile by the Museum of Modern Art.) Even the book's title reveals that to the Edison company film and sound were fundamentally intertwined. The kinetograph was the camera Dickson invented for

Edison. The kineto-phonograph, essentially a peephole film viewer with synchronous sound, was the playback device that the Edison company advertised up until the autumn of 1894, even after its kinetoscope, a silent peephole viewer, was drawing customers in big cities.

Although the kineto-phonograph was doomed by the difficulty of synchronizing sound and image in playback, "Dickson Experimental Sound Film," the only one of Dickson's many tests known to have survived, preserves the moment when it seemed movies might be born with sound. Most historians believe that the film was shot between the autumn of 1894 and the spring of 1895, when a personality conflict led Edison to fire Dickson.

The two men dancing are presumed to be Edison workers pressed into service to enhance the scene. While their performance was used in "The Celluloid Closet," a 1995 documentary about gays in film, one of the men is seen laughing to someone off-screen, as if to say, "Isn't this silly?"

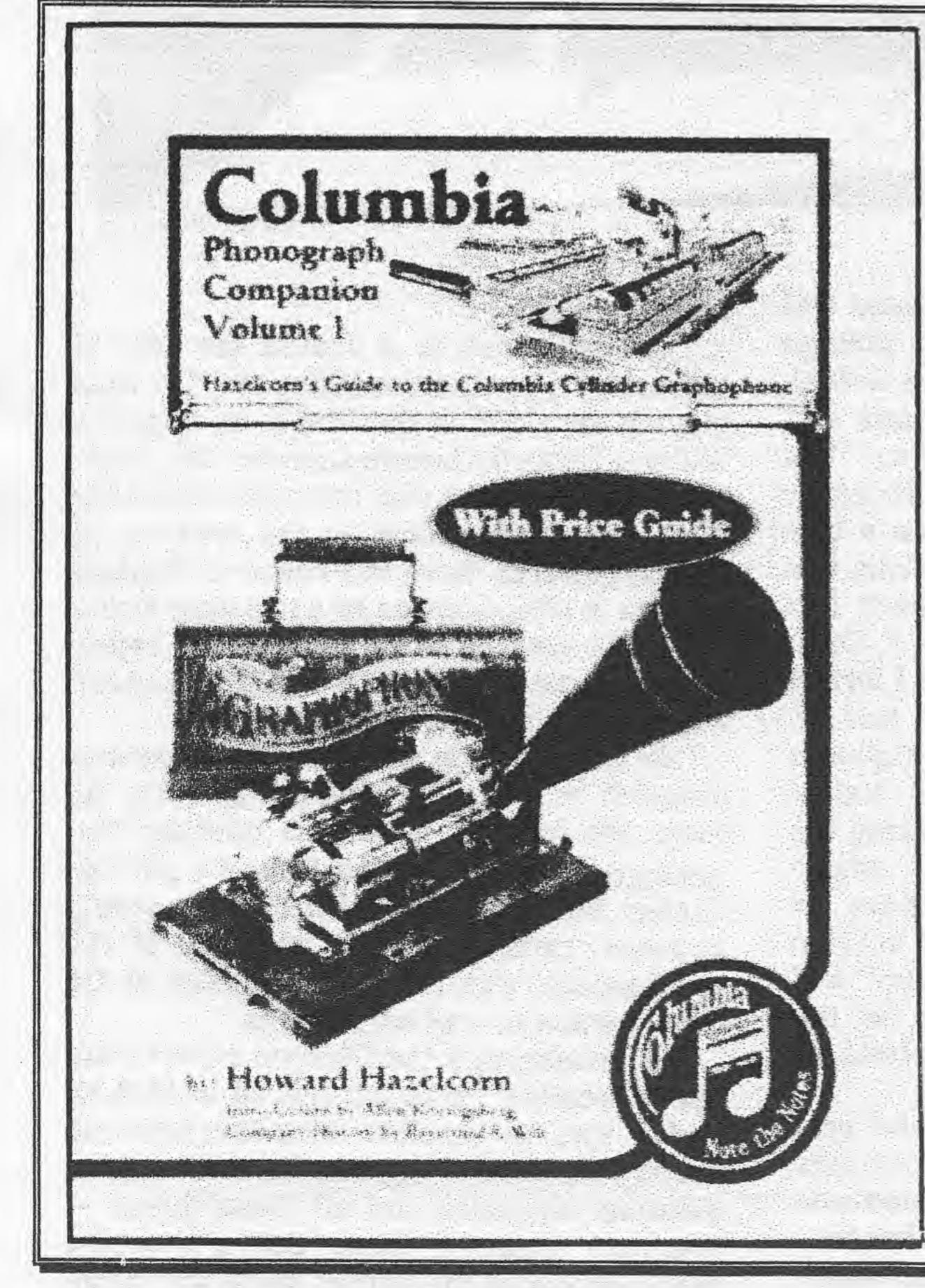
Historians doubt that the film's sound and image were ever shown in sync originally. Although a wax cylinder cataloged at the Edison site in 1960 was thought to contain the film's soundtrack, the theory wasn't tested until 1998, when Mr. Loughney of the Library of Congress set the restoration project in motion.

ERRY FABRIS, curator of sound recordings at the Edison site, took the cylinder, which years before had split in two, to the Rodgers and Hammerstein Archive of Recorded Sound at the New York Public Library for the Recording Arts at Lincoln Center, where it was restored by the Archive's Adrian Cosentini and the wax cylinder expert Peter Dilg. After the image and the recovered sound were shown unsynchronized at a conference, Mr. Schmidlin, learning of the project's need for additional financing and technical expertise, contacted Mr. Murch and Mr. Lucas.

One problem Mr. Murch faced in trying to synchronize the two elements is that while the picture lasts only 17 seconds, the sound runs nearly two and a half minutes. He discovered that Dickson had warmed up on the violin before starting the camera, and was surprised that the 1890's tune was an air from Pietro Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," used in the soundtracks of "Godfather III" (edited by Mr. Murch) and "Raging Bull."

The music heard later, after the camera rolls and Dickson steps up to the recording device, are two melodies from "The Chimes of Normandie," a light opera by Jean Robert Planquette. Mr. Murch said he believed that further enhancement of the background conversation captured on the cylinder might reveal more about the date and conditions of the film's shooting.

"It could well be Edison talking to Dickson about the process of what they were doing," said Mr. Murch, who noted that current digital technology had helped him align the different speeds of the film and its sound. Synchronization, he added, is something filmmakers "still struggle with all the time, because it's complicated — even though life itself happens in sync."



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End of the Line

When Thomas A. Edison, Inc., discontinued standard phonograph and record production late in 1929, it was reported that the company would concentrate their efforts solely on radio.

Although well made, the new radio line met with disastrous sales results. Cheaper models were flooding the market, and the old "Edison" name had lost much of its marketing magic.

It has been reported that Charles Edison, faced with disappointing sales figures, decided it was not cost-effective to pay licensing royalties of \$100,000 to R.C.A. for 1931; the radio line was dropped at the end of 1930.

At the right we reproduce a rare ad for the Edison Radio from the September 13, 1930 issue of Liberty magazine. Shown is the larger of two models housed in Elizabethan-style cabinets. Evidently Edison was returning to the "period cabinet" theme of the earlier Diamond Disc Phonographs.

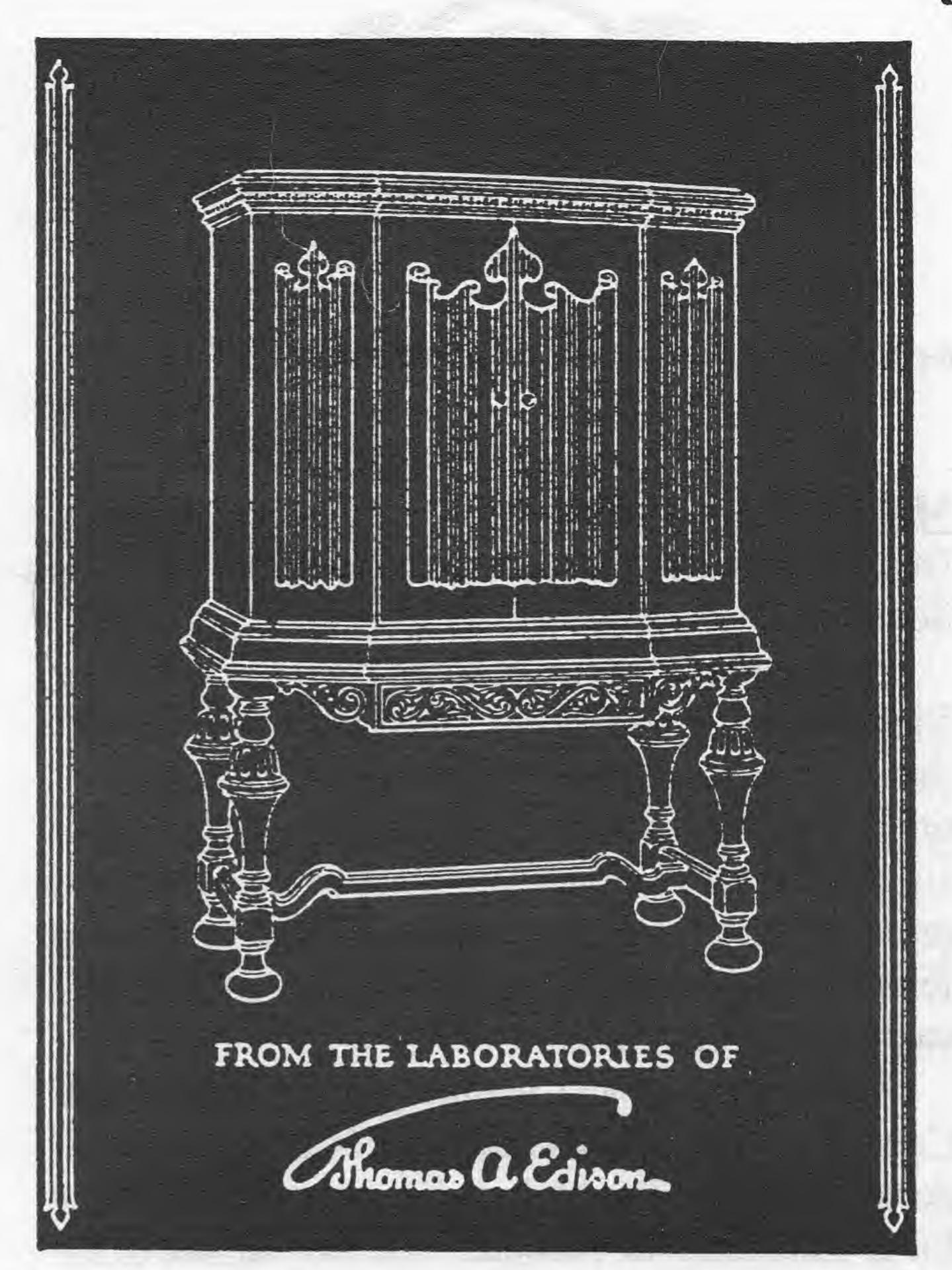
It is probably an indication of bad promotion decisions that placed ads for a series of very expensive radios in a five-cent magazine!

Mask and Wig Club Victor, etc.

In our last issue, page 3, it was stated that the first electrically-recorded Victor (#19626), which coupled selections from the Mask and Wig Club college show "Joan of Arkansas," never appeared in an annual catalogue. A quick look at the October 1926 full catalogue confirmed this. But reader Gary Mattscheck went further than we did! He finds that the record is fully indexed in the 1927 edition. This implies that copies may exist with scroll labels.

Incidentally, the same catalogue includes another rare Mask and Wig Club recording -- #19982, two sides from their 1926 show "A Sale and a Sailor." Surely this issue is as uncommon as "Joan of Arkansaw"!

British subscriber Paul Collenette points out that even if #19626 was the first electrical issue, the 12" Victor by the Eight Victor Artists (#35753, both sides) was recorded several weeks earlier (Feb. 25, 1925). It is probably the earliest electrical recording which was eventually published, but the record, was not released until June.



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(Reviews are by the Graphic editor unless identified otherwise)

Music (Makes the World Go 'Round). Compact Disc produced by the Canadian Antique Phonograph Society.

Here's an interesting concept from our collector friends north of the border. First, they recognized that Canada produced some fairly decent dance orchestras during the 1920s; then they issued a 24-cut compact disc, highlighting about ten of them, to prove it. The producers evidently chose to focus on fewer bands, thereby giving multiple examples of each, in most cases.

A few of the groups featured were mainstays of Canadian theatre, hotel and night life during the decade, such as The Melody Kings in Montreal and Luigi Romanelli in Toronto. But the sad fate of so many of Canada's finest musicians then, as now, is that they felt it necessary to leave their homeland to "make good." Hence, we find British recordings by the New Princess' Toronto Band and Alfredo and His Band, German recordings by Dave Caplan's Toronto Band, and U.S. recordings by Teddy Joyce and His Penn Stage Recorders and, most notably, Guy Lombardo. Rounding out the artist roster are Fred Culley, Capt. Plunkett, Harold Leonard (who was probably an American who led a band at the posh Windsor Hotel in Montreal), and a tip of the hat to Waring's Pennsylvanians.

The selections chosen for the most part are wonderful. There's a great circa 1923 version of "Limehouse Blues" by the Melody Kings which almost swings. The electrical Columbia by the New Princes' Band of "I love My Baby" is truly hot. But perhaps most ironic is that one of the thumpingest, stompingest recordings in the entire collection is a 1928 U.S. Vocalion of "Nobody's Sweetheart" by Guy Lombardo, issued as the Louisiana Rhythm Kings!

Some of the songs recorded in Montreal were Canadian compositions and may not have been recorded outside the Dominion: Plunkett's "Winter Will Come" (ah, yes...an almost certainty in Montreal, as in Vermont!), "Oh! Bobby! (We'll Be Happy in Our Little Home for Two)," and the title track,

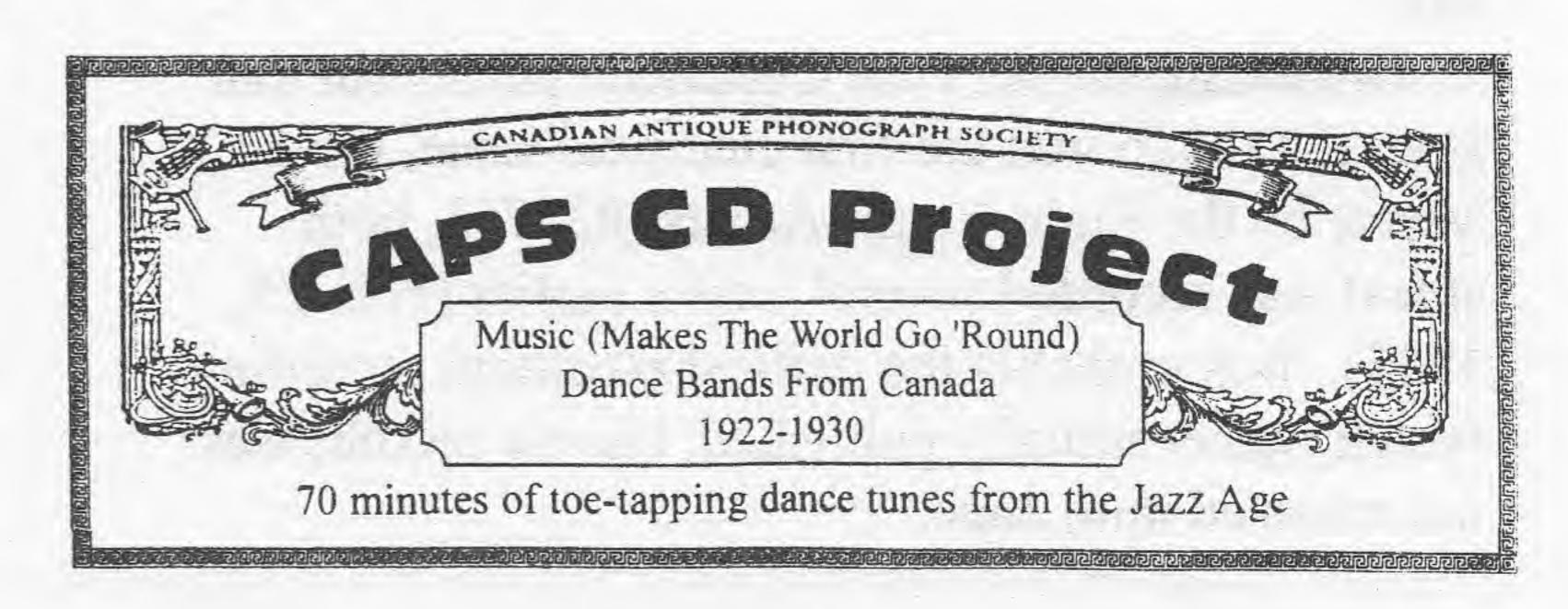
"Music (Makes the World Go 'Round)," co-written by Montreal pianist Willie Eckstein. Speaking of Eckstein, it is disappointing to me that this fabulous pianist is not heard at all in this collection.

Technically, the transfers are excellent, and in some instances the producers had to work with flawed originals. In the case of the Harold Leonard's 1930 recording of "Everything Happens for the Best," two recordings had to be pieced together to make one. I have listened to this several times and for the life of me I cannot tell where the two cross over! The eight-inch Edison Bells, with their sonic limitations, sound remarkably good. For those interested in such things, eight cuts are acoustically record, and the balance of sixteen are electrical.

A twenty-eight page booklet, full of information and remarkable illustrations, accompanies the CD. Brief bios of every bandleader in the collection are there, along with an overview of the dance music scene in Canada in the 1920s. A slight irony, however, is that among the eight record labels illustrated, only two are Canadian! And were you wondering why Fred Waring gets that "tip of the hat"? Well, it was reported in a 1971 interview that there were five Torontonians in his band...and their version of "Hello Montreal!" seemed fitting because of its jazz era, Prohibition lyrics.

This reviewer hopes that this is just the first in a long series of CD reissues of interesting historical Canadian recordings. Except for one Starr-Gennett pressing, which was actually recorded in the U.S., nothing from the vast House of Compo was even dusted off for inclusion this time. And if the good folks at C.A.P.S. want a suggestion for their next venture, I would lobby heavily for Willie Eckstein!

Music (Makes the World Go 'Round) is available postpaid for \$18.00 Canadian funds within Canada, and outside of Canada for \$18.00 in U.S. currency. Address your order to: Canadian Antique Phonograph Society, 122 Major Street, Toronto, Ont. M5S 2L2, Canada.



Eight-Thirty-Five

(Victor Talking Machine Standard Time!)

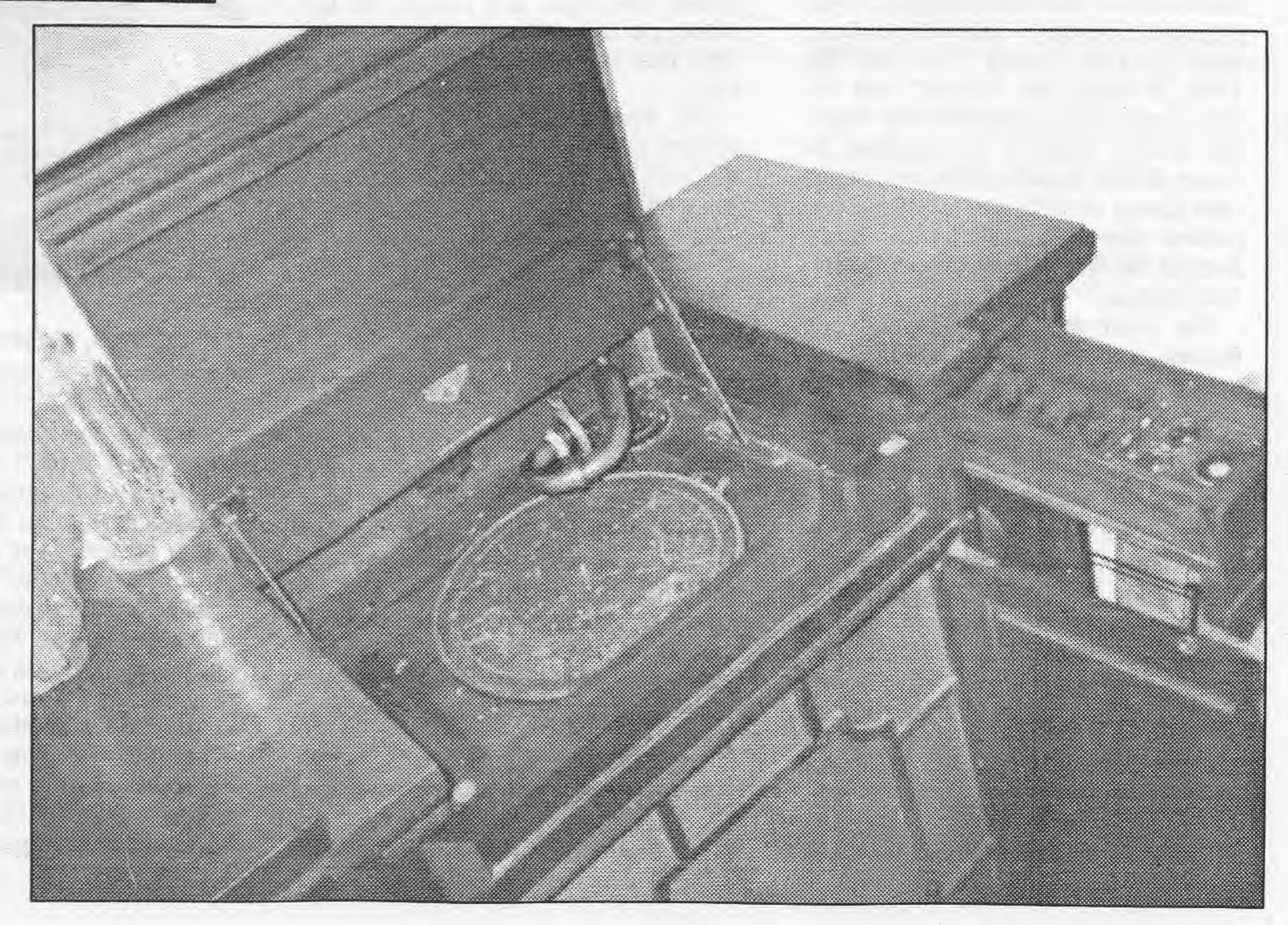
In our last issue we reported that the Victor Orthophonic Victrola model Eight-Thirty-five was phased out in 1929, and this was verified by Robert Baumbach's *Look for the Dog*. However, reader Jim Cartwright notes that the 1991 book "*His Master's Voice*" in *America* (published by General Electric) states that certain acoustic phonographs were retained in 1930 after the merger with R.C.A., <u>including</u> the Eight-Thirty-five. Jim shares a few photos of one of his models; this one has the optional electric motor.





Secret Compartments?

Who would guess when looking at the closed cabinet of the Eight-Thirty-five that it contains two drawers, one on either side above the record shelves? The one on the right (shown open) has built-in needle holders.





Les Brown, third from left, and his Band of Renown, in Hackensack, N.J. He performed into his later years.

Les Brown, Swing Bandleader, Dies at 88

By RICHARD SEVERO

Les Brown, whose Band of Renown was one of the most enduring orchestras that grew out of the swing era of the 1930's, died on Thursday night at his home in Los Angeles. He was 88.

Mr. Brown was one of the last swing bandleaders to remain active as the century drew to a close. He and his band were best known for their classic 1945 recording of "Sentimental Journey" with Doris Day, their hit 1946 record "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm" and for their long association with Bob Hope. Mr. Brown became the musical director of Mr. Hope's radio and television shows in 1947 and later accompanied him on 18 Christmas tours around the world to entertain American troops.

For more than 60 years, the Les Brown orchestra was a frequent attraction, providing dance music at college proms and ballrooms and appearing at the Presidential inauguration galas for Richard M. Nixon and Ronald Reagan. The band also entertained Queen Elizabeth II at a ball arranged by Frank Sinatra.

With the help of such resourceful arrangers as Ben Homer, Frank Comstock, and Skip Martin, Mr. Brown fashioned an orchestra that made people want to dance.

"We strove for a cleanliness and a certain conservativeness that was commercially successful," Mr. Brown said in The Instrumentalist magazine in 1990. "For the most part

we played ballads on the pretty side, rather than swinging them like Benny Goodman."

Over the years, the Brown orchestra's muscular, tight approach to its music, with its emphasis on sure intonation and intentions that were always clear and serious, were rewarded with critical and popular success. John S. Wilson, jazz critic of The New York Times, noted in 1983 that Mr. Brown's group had "retained the style and sound" of the swing period and yet had a "freshness that makes it seem quite up to date."

Mr. Brown teamed up with Ben Homer to write the music for one of the memorable songs that emerged from World War II, "Sentimental Journey." The record was released in 1944 and became a big hit in 1945, largely because of Ms. Day's lovely vocal and the lyrics of Bud Green, which evoked the eagerness of G.I.'s returning to see their loved ones again.

The Day-Brown combination on "Sentimental Journey" sold a million records for Columbia. The song stayed on the radio's hit parade for 16 weeks, became the nation's No. 1 song for five weeks and can still be heard on classic pop radio stations. It also provided a major boost to the career of Ms. Day, who was the band's popular girl singer in the war years.

Most of the other Brown hits were instrumentals, including "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm," "Bizet Has His Day," "Midnight Sun,"



Reuters, 1996

Les Brown, before taping a public television program on his music.

"Mexican Hat Dance," "Ramona" and "Leap Frog," a jerky uptempo number that became the orchestra's signature piece. In 1941 the band also had a novelty best seller with "Joltin' Joe DiMaggio," inspired by the Yankee center fielder's 56-game hitting streak. The band continued to get requests for its songs years after they were recorded.

Mr. Brown credited the freshness of his music not just to his arrangers, but to his players as well. He liked to tell interviewers that the musicians he hired were generally not big-

name soloists but sidemen who were excellent readers and who worked especially well in sections.

"Good soloists aren't necessarily good section men," Mr. Brown said in The Instrumentalist. "There's nothing worse than an all-star band with no teamwork."

That team varied over the years, but at times included well-regarded musicians like Matt Uttel, alto saxophonist; Bud Madison, Wes Hensel and Don Fagerquist, trumpet players; Don Rader, who played fluegelhorn and trumpet; Lou Ciotto, tenor saxophonist; Abe Most, the jazz-flavored clarinetist and alto saxophonist; Tony Rizzi, guitarist; Jeff Clarkson, pianist; and Warren Brown, Si Zentner, Andy Martin and Ray Sims, tenor trombonists. Mr. Brown's younger brother, Clyde Brown, who was known as Stumpy, was a longtime stalwart on bass trombone.

The "regular" vocalists came and went. In addition to Ms. Day, they included Jo Ann Greer, Butch Stone, Lucy Ann Polk and Ellen Wilson. In the early days, when the occasion called for guest vocalists Mr. Brown called on Johnny Mercer and the songwriter Richard Whiting's young daughter, Margaret. The chemistry of the group was such that people who knew little about music loved to dance to the Band of Renown; people who knew a great deal about it listened with equal enthusiasm.

The band had quite a consistent approach to its music over the years, even though Mr. Brown sometimes tinkered with the size and scope of the instrumentation.

"Although I started with a 12-piece band in 1938 that has grown and shrunk in size over the years, the instrumentation never went through radical changes," Mr. Brown said. "Instead of the four 'bones we used in 1942, we use three today. We started with three trumpets, but had to compete with Goodman and Dorsey, so we hired a fourth."

Lester Raymond Brown was born on March 12, 1912, in Reinerton, Pa. His father was Raymond Winfield Brown, the town baker, who had a good ear for music, played a fine soprano sax and always wanted to be a professional musician but never went beyond being named conductor of the town's concert band. In those days, many towns and villages across the nation had concert bands that would play the works of Franz von Suppé, John Philip Sousa and Victor Herbert in park bandstands on a summer's evening. The band under the elder Mr. Brown's baton played for tired Pennsylvania coal miners and their families.

Les Brown and his two brothers were expected to help out in the bakery but they soon learned that the one way out of it was to agree to take music lessons. Les started out playing cornet and switched over to soprano saxophone and learned clarinet and bassoon.

In 1926 he showed enough promise so that his father permitted him to enroll in the Patrick Conway Military Band School in Ithaca, N.Y., named after a e fabled Civil War-era bandmaster. The school was later absorbed into the Ithaca Conservatory of Music and ultimately became Ithaca College. At Conway he studied theory, harmony, counterpoint and composition with Wallingford Rewigger, who encouraged young Brown's interest in symphonic music. He became especially fond of Mahler, with Beethoven, Mozart, Shostakovich, Debussy and Ravel not far behind.

After three years at Conway, Mr. Brown received a music scholarship to the New York Military Academy in Cornwall, N.Y., which awarded scholarships to instrumentalists who could benefit its military band. He played saxophone in the band and began to write music. He also became infatuated with big band music, listening to radio programs and records that featured Gene Goldkette, Paul Whiteman, Red Nichols, Fletcher Henderson and Bix Beiderbecke.

Mr. Brown aspired to study at the University of Pennsylvania but in 1932 he went to Duke University instead because it had the best-known college swing bands, the Blue Devils. He became its leader and toured the east coast with the band, playing onenighters for more than a year. Most of the Blue Devils returned to Duke in September 1937. Mr. Brown went to New York City and wrote arrangements for the bands of Isham Jones, Jimmy Dorsey, Larry Clinton and Mr. Nichols. In 1938 he gained the backing of Victor Records and started the orchestra that became Les Brown and His Band of Renown. For a time the band was a fixture at the Edison Hotel in Times Square.

Over the years, the Band of Renown played for broadcasting stars like Milton Berle, Steve Allen and Dean Martin. Mr. Brown's association with Mr. Martin lasted from 1965 to 1974, the band's longest run on television. But its longest gig was in the employ of Mr. Hope. It started in the middle 1940's, when Mr. Brown was appearing at the Hollywood Palladium and had a drink with Mr. Hope's agent, who invited him to play for the Hope radio show.

Mr. Brown remained with Mr. Hope when he made the move to television and also accompanied the comedian on his tours to entertain American troops. The association lasted more than 40 years and more than 800 shows. Mr. Hope used to say that he never left home without Les Brown.

The Band of Renown's songs were released, rereleased and sometimes rerecorded to take advantage of superior sound technology. Three of the more recent issues were "Anything Goes" and "Les Brown: The Best of the Big Bands," both in the 1990's, and "The Les Brown Story," in the late 1980's. Mr. Brown worked well into his later years, refusing to retire, even as he saw his bookings decline.

"Let's face it," he told The Los Angeles Times in 1990. "We're going to fade out. There won't be much demand for big bands soon." The Boston Globe December 24, 2000

Jimmy Shand, 92; Scottish musician

PERTH, Scotland — Sir Jimmy Shand, an accordionist credited with spreading Scottish music, died yesterday at 92.

Sir Shand was working as a miner when he made his first recording in 1933. He formed the Jimmy Shand Band in 1945 and made frequent TV appearances in the 1950s and '60s. His recording of "The Bluebell Polka" made the Top 20 chart in 1955. He was made a knight in 1999.

"Jimmy played a crucial role in popularizing Scottish music worldwide," said Elspeth Cowie, national organizer of the Traditional Music & Song Association of Scotland.

"He also helped keep the torch burning at home when interest in the nation's own traditional culture was waning," Cowie said.

> The Boston Globe December 22, 2000

Milt Hinton, 90; was jazz bassist

NEW YORK — Milt Hinton, a jazz bassist and photographer known as "the judge" by the jazz legends he worked with and photographed during a 70-year career, died Tuesday. He was 90.

Considered the dean of bass players, Mr. Hinton performed with almost every luminary of jazz and popular music, from Louis Armstrong, Cab Calloway, Dizzy Gillespie, and John Coltrane to Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, and Paul McCartney.

Mr. Hinton also documented his world with a camera, compiling close to 60,000 negatives depicting hundreds of jazz artists and popular musicians on the road, in the studio, backstage, and at parties. His photos have been exhibited around the world.

Mr. Hinton began his musical career playing the violin, but switched to bass because he said he could find more work.

After years of playing in and around Chicago as a free-lance musician, Mr. Hinton joined Cab Calloway's band in 1936. During his 15-year stint with Calloway, Mr. Hinton was also featured on

dozens of recordings with Benny Goodman, Lionel Hampton, Coleman Hawkins, and Billie Holiday, among others.

When Mr. Hinton left Calloway's band in the early 1950s, he moved to New York and continued to work as a studio musician. For the next 20 years he played on thousands of jazz and popular music albums, jingles and film soundtracks.

Mr. Hinton's collection of photographs has been featured in two books, "Bass Line: The Stories and Photographs of Milt Hinton," and "OverTime: The Jazz Photographs of Milt Hinton," as well as in dozens of magazines and newspapers.



The Boston Globe November 6, 2000

Jimmie Davis, was La. governor

BATON ROUGE, La. — Jimmie Davis, the "singing governor" who drew on his popularity as the maker of hits such as "You Are My Sunshine" to win election to the state's top office twice, died yesterday.

He was believed to be 101. Mr. Davis had said he was uncertain of his age, knowing only that he was born around the turn of the century.

"He died at 4:40 a.m., peacefully in his sleep in his home at Baton Rouge," Ed Reed, his former press secretary, said.

Mr. Davis parlayed smooth talking and sweet singing into a political career, serving as governor from 1944-48 and 1960-64.

He estimated that he wrote about 400 songs, including "It Makes No Difference Now" and "Sweethearts or Strangers" and that he recorded 52 albums. "You Are My Sunshine," recorded in the 30s, was his first smash hit.

Notes on the Obituaries

Les Brown recorded with Floyd Mills and His Marylanders for Gennett in June, 1929. Evidently this was during summer break after his three years at the Conway School. Milt Hinton's first documented recording session was with Tiny Parham in Chicago, Nov. 4, 1930. Among other recent deaths, Victor Borge died just before Christmas at the age of 91.

Thanks to Gavin McDonough and Ken Sweeney for their help, as usual, with the obituaries.

Durium Revisited

In our last issue, we discussed seven special "Science Service" Durium records, numbering 9-6 through 9-12, and we wondered if there were additional releases numbered 9-1 through 9-5.

Reader Bob Olson, noted country collector from Oregon, can account for four of these numbers, and they were all by Vernon Dalhart! They are:

9-1 (mx. 5029A) Rovin' Gambler

9-2 (mx. 5030A) Letter Edged in Black

9-3 (mx. 5031A) Hand Me Down My Walking Cane

9-4 (mx. 5032A) Golden Slippers

It is odd that Durium would number these special Dalhart issues along with the Science Service records. And can anyone fill in details of the missing no. 9-5?

A particularly nice Hit of the Week advertisement turned up in the September 13, 1930 issue of *Liberty*, which we reproduce on the center pages of this issue.

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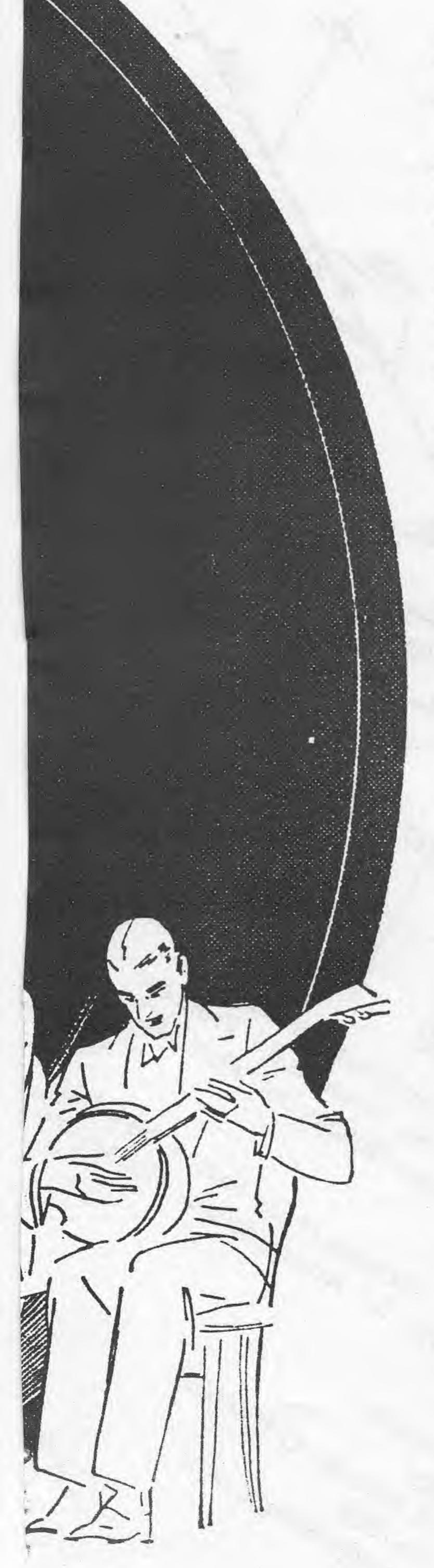
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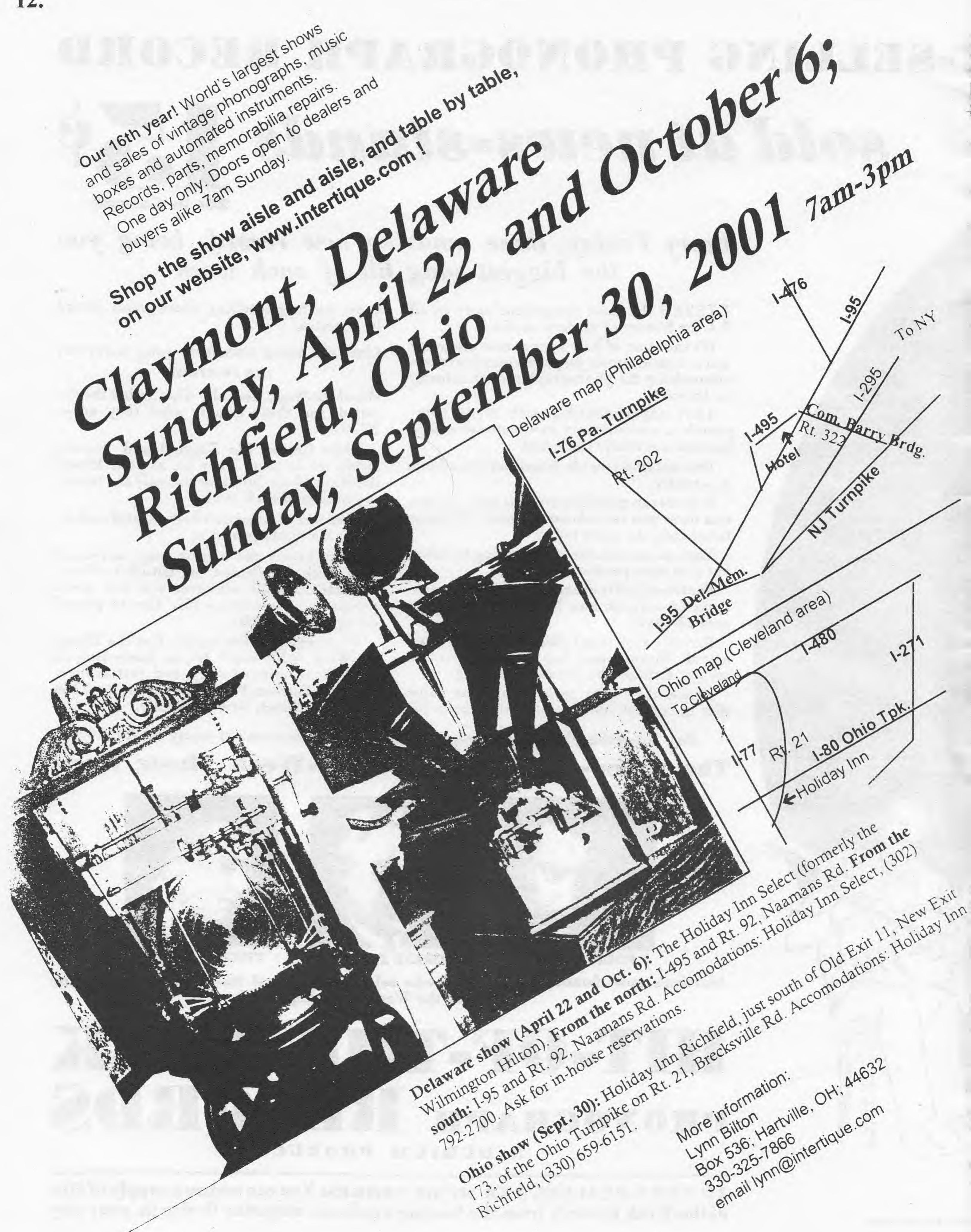
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